

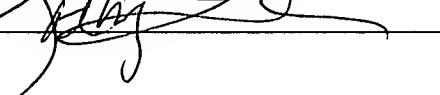
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gregory S. Hageman

Application No.: 09/183,972

Filed: October 29, 1998

For: THERAPEUTICS AND
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 15, 2001 in the above-identified application, please consider and enter the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit that the subject application as amended herewith is in condition for allowance.

A petition for extension of time is being submitted as a separate document. A precautionary notice of appeal is also enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 2, and add new claims 46-52 as follows. A marked-up version of all pending claims is shown in the attached Appendix.

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